

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The State of Arkansas, Department of Finance and Administration - Intergovernmental Services (IGS) announces the availability of funding under the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program. Potential applicants should **carefully** review the federal solicitation because sub-recipients are bound to all the requirements of that solicitation in their application to the State of Arkansas for RSAT funds. That full federal solicitation from which funding was received by IGS is located at <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/12RSATsol.pdf>.

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to state agencies and units of local government. **Priority will be given to local government agencies for prisoners held in county or city jails and for any aftercare program that meets the requirements of the solicitation.**

Program Description

The RSAT Program assists states and local governments in developing and implementing substance abuse treatment programs in state and local correctional and detention facilities and in creating and maintaining community-based aftercare services for offenders. The goal of the RSAT Program is to break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for, the use of and the trafficking of illegal drugs. **Three types of programs may be implemented from RSAT funds.** They are **residential, jail based and aftercare and post release treatment.** Residential applicants must have the capability of housing program participants in facilities that are segregated from the general population. Treatment must be provided for at least six months and no longer than twelve months. For local applicants, the treatment must be at least three months, and segregation of the prisoners is desired, but not required, in order to be a recipient of the funding.

To be eligible for funding, states must coordinate the design and implementation of treatment programs between state correctional representatives and the state alcohol and drug abuse agency (and, if appropriate, between representatives of local correctional agencies and representatives of either the state alcohol and drug abuse agency or any appropriate local alcohol and drug abuse agency). A state must also agree to implement or continue to require urinalysis or other proven reliable forms of testing, including both periodic and random testing—: (1) of an individual before the individual enters a residential substance abuse treatment program and during the period in which the individual participates in the treatment program; and (2) of an individual released from a residential substance abuse treatment program if the individual remains in the custody of the state.

Provision of Evidence-Based Substance Abuse Treatment Services

Applicants are strongly urged to provide substance abuse treatment practices and services that have a demonstrated evidence base and that are appropriate for the target population. Applicants should identify the evidence-based practice being proposed for implementation, identify and discuss the

evidence that shows that the practice is effective, and discuss the population(s) for which this practice has been shown to be effective and show that it is appropriate for the proposed target population. Applicants can find information on evidence-based treatment practices in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) *Guide to Evidence-Based Practices* available at www.samhsa.gov/ebpwebguide. Applicants will find additional information on effective and promising substance abuse treatment programs on OJP's *CrimeSolutions* web site (www.CrimeSolutions.gov).

Deadline

All applications materials and supporting documentation are due by 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time on **Monday, April 28, 2014**.

Contact Information

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact IGS via email at igs.jag@dfa.arkansas.gov or call the IGS office at 501-683-5604 and speak with James Lawson between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday. Questions from any outside stakeholder and the answer given to them will be posted to the IGS website for all prospective applicants' information. **A meeting to answer questions from potential applicants will be held on April 1, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., in Room 102 of the DF&A Building at 1509 Seventh Street, Little Rock, AR 72201.** Directions to the meeting location will be posted on the IGS website under Announcements and News Releases <http://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/newsEvents/Pages/news.aspx> on the same day as this solicitation.

<u>Release date:</u>	March 19, 2014
<u>Application due date:</u>	April 28, 2014, 4:30 P.M.
<u>Program Funding Period:</u>	June 1, 2014 – May 31, 2015

Method of Notification

Notice of federal funding availability through the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program (RSAT) is announced through the formal publication of a state application kit. This kit contains the forms and instructions needed to fully complete an application, as well as the regulations and guidelines that each applicant will be required to adhere to should it be awarded a subgrant.